



FACT SHEET: How the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Delivers for Oregon

On Friday, November 5th the House of Representatives passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), landmark bipartisan legislation that will invest in America's roads and bridges, water infrastructure, resilience, internet, and more.

Congressman DeFazio has fought his entire career to make America stronger through legislation that rebuilds the nation's crumbling infrastructure, creates jobs and addresses the existential threat of climate change. **As Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, DeFazio is playing a key role in the drafting and enactment of President Biden's Build Back Better agenda that will create good-paying jobs, invest in American workers, improve supply chains, and position our country to be the leader in the world on clean energy and transportation.**

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will help ease inflation and strengthen supply chains by making long overdue improvements to our nation's ports, airports, rail network, and roads. It will drive the creation of good-paying union jobs and grow the economy sustainably and equitably so that everyone gets ahead for decades to come. [Combined with the Build Back Better Act, it will add on average 1.5 million jobs per year for the next 10 years.](#)

The need in Oregon is clear. For decades, infrastructure in Oregon and across the nation has suffered from systemic underinvestment. **In fact, the American Society of Civil Engineers gave Oregon's infrastructure a C- grade.** The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will improve that grade.

Specifically, under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Oregon will receive:

- \$3.4 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs and \$268 million for bridge replacements and repairs
- \$747 million over five years to improve public transportation options around the state
- \$529 million over five years to improve water infrastructure across the state and ensure that clean, safe drinking water is a right in all communities
- \$211 million to support infrastructure development for Oregon airports
- \$52 million over five years to support the expansion of EV charging stations across the state, along with the opportunity to apply for \$2.5 billion in grant funding dedicated to EV charging
- \$100 million minimum to help provide broadband coverage across the state, including providing access to the at least 13,600 Oregonians who currently lack it. Under the IIJA, 23 percent of Oregonians (945,000 people) will be eligible for the Affordability Connectivity Benefit, which will help low-income families afford internet.
- \$39 million over five years to protect against wildfires and \$15 million to protect against cyberattacks.

How the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is Paid For

In the years ahead, the legislation will generate significant economic benefits. It is financed through a combination of redirecting unspent emergency relief funds, targeted corporate user fees, strengthening tax enforcement when it comes to crypto currencies, and other bipartisan measures, in addition to the revenue generated from higher economic growth as a result of the investments. For a full breakdown of pay-fors, [click here.](#)